maintain these tanks. Government will get an adequate return in the assessment on waste lands which would thereby be brought under cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—This has been repeatedly represented and repeatedly answered. Government have never done any work to such tanks.

Subject No. 95.

Fixed remuneration to Totis and Talaris.

Summary of discussion.—A fixed remuneration should be paid to the Totis and Talaris of the Channagiri Taluk. This has already been discussed. Orders have not as yet been passed.

Dewan's reply.—We shall consider the expediency of extending the Nundydroog Division Rules with needful modifications. The most important matter is to record the existing usage of different localities.

Subject No. 96

Khistbandi in Channagiri to begin from January as in the Malnad Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—Land Revenue was formerly collected from December. From last year the Khists run from February. Raiyats get money by sale of some minor crops in November and December and spend the money before the Khists begin. Therefore the Khists should begin in January as in the Malnad Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—This opinion is from the Revenue Collectors point of view. But the existing Khistbandi fixed after full discussion and consideration is well suited to the raiyat who has to pay the revenue.

Subject No. 97

Concession to obtain fire-wood from any jungle at low rates.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are put to much inconvenience owing to recent reservation of lands by the Forest Department. The District Jungles left for the use of the Raiyats are scarcely sufficient. Raiyats should therefore be allowed to take fire-wood at low rates from any jungle where it may be procurable.

Dewan's reply.—The existing boundaries were fixed after full discussion and consideration of local wants. If necessary, the Deputy Commissioner will investigate again. Represent to him.

ubject No. 98.

Inconvenient proximity of the State Forest of Umblibail.

Summary of discussion.—The State Forest of Umblibail is very inconveniently close to several villages. The portion now called District Forest is insufficient for the needs of the several villages and the town of Shimoga depending upon it for fire-wood, and the villagers complain that the portion now set apart does not contain trees fit for the necessary implements of agriculture. The portion recently reserved as State Forest must be thrown open as District Forest. The collection of seigniorage on fuel presses very hard on the people. As it is, people are obliged to pay seigniorage on fuel removed from District Forests also, as their way from the District Forests to villages and the Town lies through State Forest; and the peons invariably collect seigniorage saying that the